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Dear Mrs. Stuff,

Enclosed are several forms for you to use with the people from whom you buy your fuel oil.

In view of the fact that I don't seem to get around to visiting the stations that are getting along so well, I'll have to take care of a couple items by correspondence, I guess. Item one is the matter of the books we borrow for you from Davenport. You send us a request for a book for a specific person. If we don't have it in our own collection, and it's important that you have it, we try to borrow it somewhere else - the Davenport Public Library is our first source. We borrow it for that one specific request only. It must be returned here to us when that one person has read it. At present you have a number of books from the Davenport Library which have circulated a number of times and are still in circulation. If we want to continue our good relations with the Davenport Public Library we simply cannot use their books this way; and believe me that good relationship is very important to our whole operation. So hereafter please return all books from the Davenport Public Library after that one circulation for which it was requested.

The same is true of books from the Scott County Library collection when we have requests from all over the county on them. All requests are dated, and we send them out according to date - and if we have a great many, the hour of the day is considered, too; so if a request comes to you with the note that we have more here taken before your next one the book must be sent back here. It seems foolish, but there is method in our madness.

One more item. We send or bring you new books as fast as we can. We cannot cater to a single taste in our book buying. We have to buy all types of books. After they're bought, it takes time to process them. We are limited in the amount of money we have to spend, too, of course. All things together mean, I'm afraid, that we'll all have to be patient - or try reading a different type of books. We bring back a lot of tremendously interesting non-fiction from Le Claire that hasn't even been read once there. Off hand, I'd say there aren't any Zane Grey books that haven't been to Le Claire - that we have, that is - but we'll try to check positively.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth B. Hage